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LESSON PLAN

A3020, ORIGIN AND THEORY OF AIRPOWER

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RECORD OF CHANGES

CHANGE NUMBER	REMARKS
New Lesson Plan	27 Aug 01 -- Supercedes ABC lesson 1215 dated 7 Aug 00
C1	3 Jun 02 -- Supercedes lesson dated 27 Aug 01
C2	20 Nov 02 -- Supercedes lesson dated 3 Jun 02

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- C1 -- Added reading to Preparation section.
-- Changed "ABC" to "ASBC."
- C2 -- Changed "aerospace" to "air and space" or "air and space power" throughout.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

A3000 Area Objective: Comprehend the significance of air and space power history and doctrine to modern warfare.

A3020 - ORIGIN AND THEORY OF AIRPOWER

Lesson Objective 1: Value the significance of early airpower professionals and theorists (as well as their theories) and their role in the development of today's Air Force and the Air Force Core Competencies.

Samples of Behavior:

(R/L) 1.1 - Discuss early airpower professionals and theorists (as well as their theories) and their role in the development of today's Air Force and the Air Force Core Competencies.

(R/L) 1.2 - Share with others beliefs concerning early airpower professionals and theorists (as well as their theories) and their role in the development of today's Air Force and the Air Force Core Competencies.

Lesson Description: This lecture covers the evolution of airpower and airpower theory and doctrine from its origins to the beginning of World War II. The lecture describes the people and events that helped shape the beginnings of airpower and its employment. The lecture uses many historical references to help students understand the evolution of the Air Force Core Competencies.

Prerequisites: None

Preparation: Read A3020, Origin and Theory of Airpower.

Optional: Review A3010, Theory, Doctrine, Objectives, and Strategy.

Rationale/Linkage: This lecture begins ASBC's overview of air and space power history, theory, and doctrine, which continues in A3030, Forged in Fire, Part I, and A3040, Forged in Fire, Part II. Students can use these history lessons as reference points to illustrate how military theory is based on historical experience and analysis--that concept is discussed in A3010, Theory, Doctrine, Objectives, and Strategy. This lecture also inspires students to continue their life-long learning in the area of Military Studies.

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